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Kabul police kill 3 demonstrators

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Three persons were killed and some 15 injured when Soviet troops and Afghan riot police fired on a demonstration in the streets of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, according to a diplomatic report received here Tuesday.

Reports from diplomatic sources from the Soviet news agency Tass, said a group of uniformed men tore through the streets of the central section of Kabul Monday morning, hurling stones at vehicles, street signs and buildings.

Two of the reports agreed the demonstrators were policemen who were angry after their commanding officer told them their duty hours had been extended, while a third said the rioters could have been either policemen or soldiers.

Some shopkeepers in the central city joined the rioting, an Asian source said.

Estimates of the size of the crowd varied. A western diplomatic source said it involved 40 policemen, but cautioned that Afghans frequently use that figure to indicate many people. The Asian source said the crowd was "many more than 40."

The sources said there had been frequent reports of conscript policemen being unhappy about extensions of their two-year tours of duty, but this was the first known revolt on the issue.

Most shopkeepers pulled down their shutters during the disturbances and Afghan and Soviet helicopter gunships hovered over the city until calm returned to Kabul later in the day, the sources said.

They added that the city was quiet last Saturday, the first anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The only ceremony on Saturday was a speech in the People's Palace by President Babrak Karmal who came to power in a Soviet-backed coup last Dec. 27.

The official Czechoslovak news agency, Ceska, said Monday that Western reports of a strike by Kabul shopkeepers Saturday had been spread by Afghan exiles in Pakistan.

Insurgent clashes also were reported in Jalalabad, capital of the eastern province of Nangarhar, and in Logar province, south of Kabul, a western diplomatic source said in Islamabad Tuesday.

The official Afghan media now refers to the Dec. 27 Soviet intervention as the

Kuwaitis to invest in Asia

By Edward Thankarah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 30 — Kuwaiti investors are planning to recycle their oil earnings in Asia through investment centers to be set up in Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia, a top Kuwaiti source said here Tuesday. He denied however, that his country was planning to set up a bank branch in Thailand.

He said the three semi-government firms in his country, the Kuwait Investment Company, the Kuwait International Investment Company and the Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company, which have been concentrating heavily on the Arab and European markets until now, plan to expand operations in Asia as well.

Earlier, the Central Bank of Thailand denied a local newspaper report that a Kuwaiti bank is to establish a branch in Bangkok. The report said a branch may be allowed in the hope that such a favor may help to obtain more oil from Kuwait in the future.

The Thai Central Bank said it was their policy not to allow any foreign bank to operate here unless it was done on a reciprocal basis.

"heroic uprising" and the "new liberating phase of the revolution."

Chief complaints of the estimated 3.5 million private Afghan farmers include the cost and availability of fertilizers and machinery and the prices they receive for their produce from the state, their principal buyer.

Some farm union leaders have threatened to withhold produce from state shops if the high court rules against the union application.

Zarin Khan, an Afghan provincial freedom fighter leader, said in Oslo Sunday Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan have a low fighting morale and have been aided by troops from Cuba and Czechoslovakia.

"We have learned that the modern Soviet war machine is vulnerable," he told Norwegian reporters.

Khan, 45, originally a farmer, was flown to Oslo via Pakistan to appear on a TV program on the anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan Dec. 27 last year.

"In Afghanistan the Russian soldiers are poor warriors with a low fighting morale. It also seems as if they lack unlimited resources in this war and must have help from other nations. We have seen Cubans and Czechs fight with the Russians," he added.

Khan claimed that one year after the invasion started, the Russians have not been able to take one inch of Afghan soil outside the areas previously controlled by their marionette regime in Kabul.

"We hope that diplomatic pressure on Moscow will continue until all Soviet troops withdraw. We also hope for more financial and material aid. We are optimists and will win the fight," Khan said.

He said he now leads about 6,000 fighters in his home province of Kunar and said there are about the same number of forces in each of the other 29 Afghan provinces.

Goose foils robbery

From Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 30 — A vigilant goose foiled 3 men trying to steal clothes from a house in Bangkok on Sunday morning. The owner of the house, Surat Potitham, was awakened by the sound of his goose on the lawn, and on rushing out of his bedroom, he saw three men being chased by it. He called others to help catch the intruders.

By the time they joined him, one of the strangers had jumped over the fence. The fearless goose, however, rounded up the other two and chased them into the kitchen where they were apprehended and handed over to police.

They were later charged with breaking into the yard to steal clothes. The case will go to court and it is likely that the goose will be part of the evidence and produced for the hearing.

Kissinger cancels trip to Amman

CAIRO, Dec. 30 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, sounding out Middle East leaders on problems of the area, said Tuesday that he had dropped tentative plans to visit Jordan on his current wing.

Kissinger, who met with Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak for 80 minutes Tuesday before seeing Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, was asked by reporters about Jordan King Hussein's statement that he would not see Kissinger if he came to Amman.

"I don't think I will visit Jordan on this trip," said Kissinger whose itinerary includes Israel and other countries in the region.

Hussein has declined to become involved in the U.S.-sponsored peace process formalized in the Camp David agreements of September 1978 at the end of President Jimmy Carter's summit conference with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

Kissinger ruled out an immediate role for the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) in the ongoing Egyptian-Israeli peace process, saying its participation now would "only confuse the issue."

Referring to the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States, he said he was "optimistic that in the new (Reagan) administration, considerable progress will be made on all the issues."

But he added in response to a question that it was his "view that the PLO at this stage can only confuse the issue. At a later stage when some progress had been made, then let the Arab nations discuss it and one can look at it again, but at this stage I cannot see a useful role for the PLO."

The Palestinians, along with most other Arab states except Oman, Sudan and Somalia, have shunned the peace process formalized in the Camp David accords signed by President Jimmy Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime minister Menahem Begin in September, 1978.

The Camp David process has bogged down over discussions of granting self-rule to 1.2 million Palestinians living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the once-Egyptian-administered Gaza Strip. The process came to a halt last summer with Egypt's anger at Israel's unilateral annexation of the occupied Arab east sector of Jerusalem.

According to the Camp David framework, "Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the representatives of the Palestinian people should participate in negotiations on the resolution of the Palestinian problem in all its aspects."

But Jordan has thus far declined to join the peace process.

Iraq stresses need for joint Arab action

BAGHDAD, Dec. 30 (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Tuesday stressed the need for joint Arab action at a meeting with the Arab League's Good Offices Committee to end the Gulf war which has divided the Arab world.

Speaking with the committee shortly after it arrived in Baghdad, Hussein reaffirmed the need to respect and honor resolutions passed by Arab joint bodies.

The president said that precise restrictions and principles should be agreed on Arab relations based on faith in Arab unity on the face of any dangers or threats, Iraqi News Agency reported.

The Good Offices Committee was formed



QASIM VISIT: King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd during their Qasim visit to meet citizens from all over the region. The King arrived here Tuesday morning from Buraidah after his four-day visit to Qasim.

To continue his tour of the central regions of the Kingdom, he was accompanied by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, and other princes, ministers and senior officials.

The King drove from Buraidah, in Qasim, where he inspected completed projects and took the foundation-stone of the second phase of the grain silos. He gave audience to a large number of citizens who had thronged to greet him.

While he was in Buraidah, other princes visited a few towns in the region on his behalf and to check on the projects being constructed and find out the needs of the people.

At Hail the King was welcomed by Governor Prince Muqrin and leading officials as well as thousands of people who had lined up his motorcade. (Details of Qasim visit on Page 2 and photos page 9).

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Egypt warned of trap

KUWAIT, Dec. 30 (AP) — An exiled Egyptian opposition leader was quoted here Tuesday as cautioning against Egypt joining the NATO alliance, saying this would force other Arab states to join the Warsaw Pact.

"This would amount to a real catastrophe not only for Egypt but for all Arabs," Gen. Saad din Shazli, former Egyptian chief of staff, said in an interview with the daily Al-Quds.

"If this happens, I doubt the United States and its Western allies will provide Egypt with sophisticated weapons because they run the risk of finding these weapons taken over by a new national regime after the toppling of President Sadat," he was quoted as saying.

Shazli insisted that the Americans were building bases in Egypt, including the Ras Banas base on the Red Sea, to accommodate 30,000 troops.

"The fallacy President Sadat commits is that he gives bases the name of facilities," he was quoted as saying.

Shazli was quoted as saying "the United States will not change its policy voluntarily, but the Arabs can force Washington to change its policies through pressuring the United States in terms of oil supplies."

Shazli is the secretary-general of the anti-Sadat National Egyptian Front. He was quoted as saying his organization maintains "constant touch with all groups and elements inside Egypt seeking to topple Sadat because we are sure Sadat will not be overthrown except by the Egyptian people."

Opposition inside Egypt was growing with the armed forces keen on toppling Sadat because he entered into alliances with the foes of Arabs and Islam, he was quoted as saying.

He denied his front planned to form a government in exile, but said it planned to join the Arab Steadfastness Front grouping Syria, Libya, South Yemen, Algeria and the PLO.

"The forthcoming session of the Front is likely to witness our joining," he was quoted as saying.

Shazli, who is currently in Syria, defended the Syrian Soviet friendship pact. He said this was dictated by Egypt's withdrawal from the battle against Israel, leaving Syria as the only confrontation state. "The situation makes it imperative that Syria should have a strong political ally," he was quoted as saying.

He also welcomed the projected union between Syria and Libya, saying it would make Libya a confrontation state adding a new dimension to the Arab strategy against Israel.

Martyrs' bodies

flown to Dacca

DACCA, Dec. 30 (R) — The bodies of two Bangladeshis killed while fighting for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) against Israeli forces were flown home Tuesday. The PLO representative in Dacca said.

Ahmed Abdul Razzak told a press conference that the two "great fighters" died while defending south Lebanon and the Palestine revolution on Dec. 18.

Razzak said the PLO office in Dacca received scores of volunteers every day seeking to join the Palestinian revolution, and that the two martyrs were among 50 Bangladeshis who enrolled a year ago.

Earlier in Damascus Palestinian commandos Monday night claimed responsibility for two time bombs which exploded in south Israel and said the blasts injured an undetermined number of Israeli soldiers.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a spokesman as saying commandos operating inside Israel planted the two bombs earlier Monday near the coastal town of Ashkelon.



SPACE SHUTTLE: The space shuttle Columbia heads toward launch pad Monday at Kennedy Space Center. The orbiter will be launched March 14th. The vehicle stands 144 feet high and weighs 4,500,000 at liftoff.

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King dedicates grain silo project

QASIM. Dec. 30 (SPA) — King Khaled dedicated the second phase of the SR241 million Qasim grain silo and flour mills project Monday intended to boost local wheat production. The project also will ensure the region's flour and fodder requirements.

The second phase's 40,000-ton storage space will bring the silo's overall capacity to 60,000 tons. The project includes the current construction of a 270-ton-a-day flour mill and a fodder mill with a 200-ton capacity every eight hours.

The King was accompanied by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Qasim governor Prince Abdul Ilah, Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Mohammad Abu Al Khalil, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazaei and other senior officials. He was met at the project by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, and Dr. Ahmad Shinawi, director general of the silos organization.

Dr. Solaim said the King agreed to convert the organization into a joint stock company with the public holding half the capital. The move will give the public SR700 million in shares with a minimum 15 per cent dividend guaranteed by the state. The King thanked Dr. Solaim and Dr. Shinawi, along with the

Water pacts awarded

RIYADH. Dec. 30 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the awarding of three contracts with a total cost of SR12.9 million, Monday. The contracts, won by Saudi Arabian firms, involve digging water wells in various parts of the country.

One of the contracts calls for digging eight artesian wells in Khalaeq, Hijrat Al-Ghurah, Zilli, Qasab, Alqa, Hijrat Faithan ibn Shaaan and Hawat Sudair. The SR3.5 million contract calls for completion of work within 12 months. Another contract, worth SR7.9 million, involves digging two deep wells in Hasa and Hijrat Buqaiyah. Work is also to be completed in 12 months.

organization's staff, for their efforts and said he admired their work.

In addition, Crown Prince Fahd said the state is devoting substantial resources to develop Qasim projects. The prince said Qasim residents obtained 5,940 loans totaling SR1.547 billion from the Real Estate Development Fund. Unaizah's share alone consisted of 3,072 loans totaling SR911 million. Other figures include Al-Raus with 3,445 loans totaling SR911 million; Al Muzannah with 377 loans totaling SR59 million; Al-Bukariyah with 377 loans totaling SR94 million; and Riyad Al-Khabra with 657 loans totaling SR167 million.

Prince Fahd added that Qasim also has received its share of road and airport projects according to King Khaled's instructions. Qasim's airport has buildings and runways costing SR207 million, subsidiary roads under construction cost an additional SR475 million.

In the field of labor, social affairs, health and information, Prince Fahd said a SR7 million radio transmitter had been constructed in the area. Social guidance centers costing SR35 million also have been established. In addition, the Youth Welfare Organization plans to build a SR500 million youth center in Buraidah. The Health Ministry plans all for a SR500 million, 500-bed hospital in Buraidah and 10 new dispensaries in the area at an estimated cost of SR45 million. Buraidah's existing hospital will be expanded under a SR16 million project.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Water is carrying out the SR218 million Qasim water

purification and distribution network project. The ministry is constructing a dam in Al-Ayah and another one in Wadi Al-Ramman at an overall cost of SR33 million. In addition, a new headquarters for the agricultural affairs department in Qasim will cost SR30 million.

In an effort to enhance industrialization, the Ministry of Industry and Electricity is building an SR80 million industrial zone in the area, according to Crown Prince Fahd. The ministry also is implementing an SR1.634 billion electricity project. Speaking about municipal and rural projects, he referred to Buraidah's SR11.5 million sewage project and SR70 million from water drainage project. The government has earmarked SR400 million for Unaizah's sewage and storm water drainage projects and has provided SR30 million for the improvement and beautification of Unaizah's streets.

The area's municipalities are spending SR616 million on asphalting and lighting projects and another SR30 million on public parks. In addition, they are setting up public markets for SR3.5 million. A sum of SR760 million is spent on compensations and expropriations. Also, an SR37 million water network is being installed and SR56 million is being spent on maintenance and cleaning operations.

Trade shows scheduled

JEDDAH. Dec. 30 — A Maltese trade and industrial exhibition will be held here next month to introduce Maltese productivity to Saudi Arabian market. Other exhibitions also listed include French, Tunisia, German and Asian ones.

Environmental meeting planned

JEDDAH. Dec. 30 — Experts on the Red Sea environment Gulf of Aden will meet here next month to discuss matters dealing with environmental problems in the region. They will represent Jordan, Sudan, Somalia, the Yemen Arab Republic, South Yemen, Djib-



URBAN PLANNERS: Mecca Governor Prince Majed received delegates to the 16th session meeting of the Arab Towns Organization Permanent Bureau that ended up Monday morning. The conference, opened by Prince Majed Saturday, was attended by officials in charge of 17 Arab capitals and towns.

Bill processing faces change for international phone calls

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH. Dec. 30 — Saudi Telephone's bill processing system for long distance calls will be changed soon, according to a company press statement Tuesday. Subscribers will benefit greatly from the increase in accuracy

and precision that will accompany the new mechanized internationals billing procedure, the report said.

Designed in Saudi Arabia, the new toll system will print all of the operator-assisted long distance calls that are mechanically recorded directly from magnetic tapes. Currently, Saudi Telephone operators must manually write out tickets for some of the calls, the phone company reported. The change, which will provide a precise record of international calls for subscribers, also will result in an 80 to 90 per cent reduction in the volume of tickets that must be written by the operators, the report added.

COMMENT

By Talant Wafa
Al-Riyadh

phone department are those who come with a complaint of imaginary amounts added to their telephone bills.

The errors in amounts are generally caused either by the subscriber himself, the telephone official or the computer. In my view, the responsibility must rest with one of the three, unless there is some other person secretly using the international line without the knowledge of the subscriber.

Another point I would like to raise about Saudi Telephone is the treatment of officials. There are many who complain against the behavior of officials when they call on them before the payment of bills. They refuse to see the caller unless he pays the bill. After payment is made, he can see the official if he so wishes.

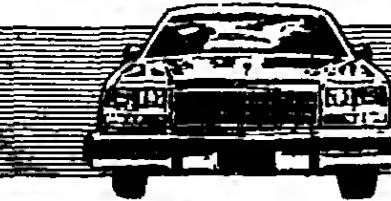
I would urge a discussion of the subject which has become a serious concern for every citizen. It would help us to know which of the three is to be held responsible for fantastic bills.

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Talks center on weather monitoring

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH. Dec. 30 — Meteorological department officials here held discussions with a United States specialist on airborne monitoring of meteorological conditions.

Fairouz Sharuki, professor at the University of Tennessee, was invited to the Kingdom by Dr. Abdullah Al-Qaïn, assistant director for the meteorological department. Sharuki, also a United Nations consultant for the Middle East, is a specialist in remote sensing of climatic conditions on the ground. The process uses satellites or airborne sensing equipment to take photographs of the earth. The material is studied to provide an understanding of prevailing geographical conditions. In addition to discussions with the meteorological department, Sharuki plans to visit other parts of the Kingdom during his stay.

According to Sharuki discussions centered on future activities for the directorate in respect to further studies in the Kingdom using space age technology to monitor water and air pollution, weather, soil mapping, soil moisture content and range land studies. Sharuki said the talks were preliminary meetings in which he briefed meteorology department officials on the present "state of the art."

The talks have created the groundwork and dialogue for remote sensing activity as it applies to some areas of the Kingdom, Sharuki said. At the very least, the talks established guidelines for the next five years for department officials who must plan necessary steps to develop the idea of remote sensing, he added.

Swiss may ban uranium equipment to Pakistan

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 30 (AP) — The Swiss government will examine more closely, and possibly ban, potential large exports to Pakistan of engineering equipment used for uranium enrichment, a high Swiss official said today.

Small amounts of this equipment have been delivered to Pakistan in the past. Shipment of Swiss made evaporators and condensers approved by the government three years ago led to considerable tension between the Swiss and the United States which claims Pakistan will use them for making nuclear bombs and feels the Swiss deliveries were out of keeping with the spirit of international treaties.

Switzerland authorized the exports on the rounds the equipment was not banned by existing agreements curbing sales of peaceful nuclear material with possible military potential. The Swiss feel if the lists of banned material are to be extended, this must be by an international agreement, and out on unilateral American demands.

Claude Zanger, deputy director of the Swiss Federal Department for Energy

Avoid 'partisan controversy'

Turkish press facing curbs

Tuesday.

The largest-circulation Turkish daily reported security forces shot and killed Hasan Tekin and captured five other suspected terrorists, two of them wounded, following a shootout in a village of Bingol on Dec. 18.

Martial law authorities said they are searching for other gunmen who fled to the mountains. They said that in Tunçeli, also in the east, security forces cracked "a divisive subversive organization" and seized large quantities of banned extremist literature and weapons.

At the same time, police sources said a high school student was killed during "a political discussion" with a classmate that erupted into fist-fights and violence in Diyarbakir, also in eastern Turkey.

Meanwhile, Turkish security forces shot and killed two suspected terrorists in Sungul and Tunceli, eastern Turkish provinces where Kurdish nationalist movements are active, the Istanbul daily *Hürriyet* reported.

Libyan diplomats declared persona non grata in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, Dec. 30 (UPI) — Mauritanian authorities have suspended activities of the Libyan Cultural center here and declared three Libyan diplomats persona non grata, informed sources told Monday.

The ruling military committee and the government issued communiques last Saturday saying steps were being taken to meet "activities of a subversive nature carried out by a friendly nation" in Mauritania. The sources on Monday said five Libyan individuals had been arrested and that the authorities had discovered "refugee-proof" of subversive activities.

There has been increasing concern in several Central and West African states over anti-activities in recent months. The call by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi

to kill, ships sink as storm sweeps Algeria

ALGIERS, Dec. 30 (UPI) — At least two persons were reported killed Monday and dozens of ships sunk in a storm which has been sweeping western Algeria since Sunday. Algerian radio said the two casualties were passengers who were rescuing fishermen in distress.

In Oran, Western Algeria's biggest town, at least 20 trawlers and four bigger ships sank and the port might have to be closed, according to official reports.

A full loaded tanker went aground in the

port of Arzew and was spilling some of the 77,997 tons of liquefied gas it had been carrying, harbor officials said.

All along the coast of western Algeria, dozens of fishing boats and trawlers were reported to have sunk and weathermen said the winds, accompanied by heavy snow and rain, would continue.

Fourteen of the 23 piers in Oran harbor were out of use and cargo and cranes had been swept away by surging waters.

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Tunisia seeks fresh start with Libya

TUNIS, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Tunisian Premier Muhammad Mzali has appealed to neighboring Libya to agree to joint, equal exploitation of the mineral or other wealth of the offshore continental shelf which is disputed by the two countries.

Speaking in parliament Monday, he said Tunisia wanted to "remove its misunderstandings" with Libya and start afresh.

He repeated a standing invitation for Libyan Foreign Minister Abdulsalem Triki to visit Tunisia.

Relations between the two countries, at opposite ends of the Arab ideological spectrum, hit a low earlier this year when Tunisia accused Libya of aiding rebels in an uprising in the Tunisian town of Gafsa.

Libyan official meets Genscher

BONN, Dec. 30 (R) — Libya's foreign relations secretary, Ahmad Shahati, met West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Monday for talks which dealt mainly with economic matters, the West German foreign ministry said. It said the two men discussed agreements on air traffic, tax and investment promotion, and preparations for a meeting of a West German-Libyan joint economic commission in Tripoli, Libya, next March.

The West German foreign ministry said that during the meeting, Genscher said sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries were preconditions for stability, security and world peace.

At the same time, police sources said a high school student was killed during "a political discussion" with a classmate that erupted into fist-fights and violence in Diyarbakir, also in eastern Turkey.



RADIO-TV WORKSHOP: The radio TV workshop in UNRWA's Wadi Seer Vocational Training Center in east Jordan. The center, which accommodates 600 young Palestinian refugees, provides training in some 15 different skills.



LAND SURVEYOR: Refugee students in the land surveyor course at UNRWA's Kalandia Vocational Training Center, near Jerusalem in the West Bank.

UNRWA to expand vocational training

VIENNA, Dec. 30 — The United Nations organization responsible for providing basic services to the Palestine refugees plans to step up its vocational training effort for young people.

Demand for places is so great that UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East, has decided to increase the capacity of its vocational training centers by 13 percent, from 3,460 places to 3,904, with the help of the OPEC fund, a UNRWA press release said.

At present, UNRWA has to turn down four applicants out of five for places in its centers.

The centers — in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — offer a total of 37 courses in vocations, ranging from blacksmith to public health inspector. Most of them last for two years and each year nearly 1,800 newly-qualified refugees graduate.

There is a marked trend among the young people, especially those in the West Bank, to seek employment abroad. Most of these graduates however, plan to return to their families after a few years.

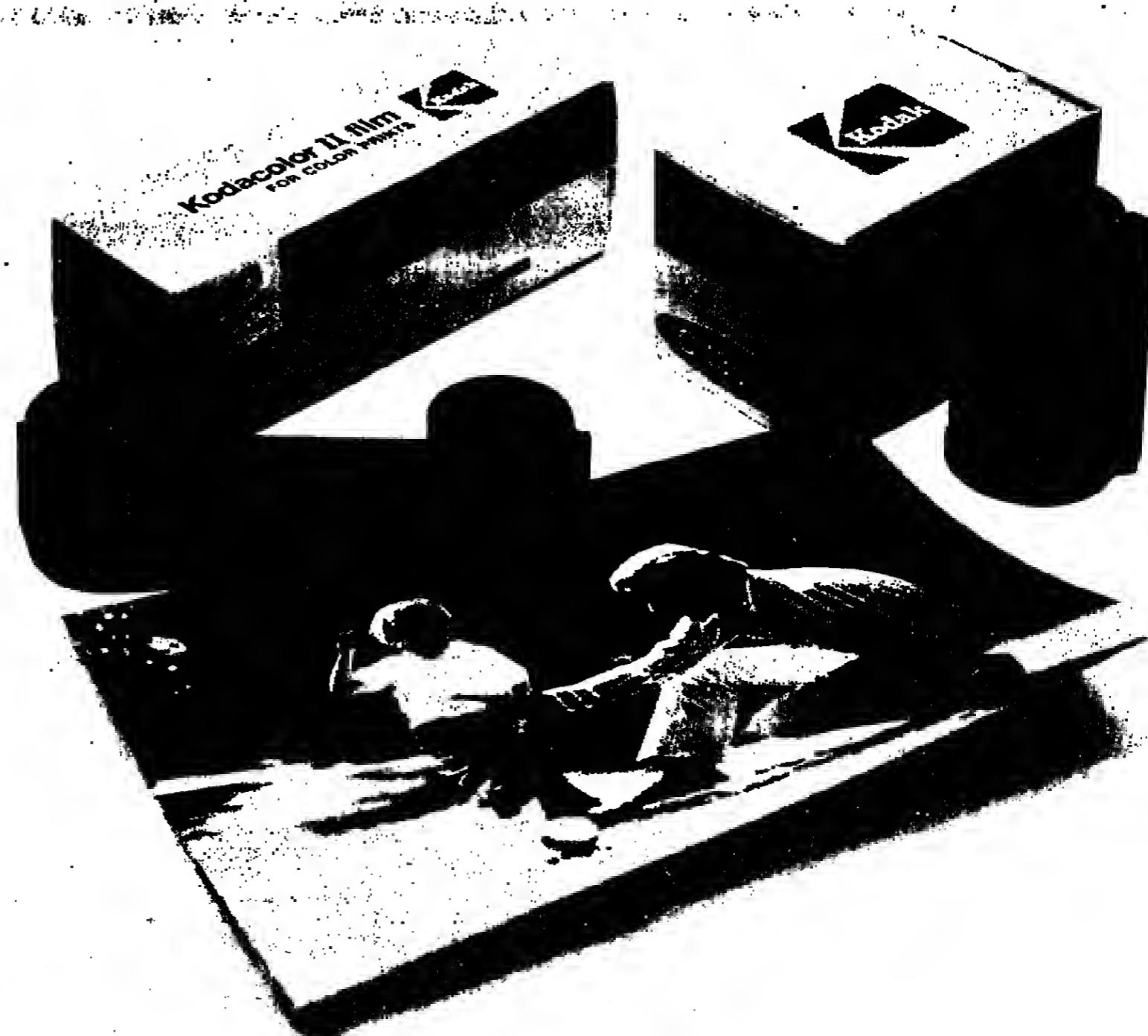
In Jerusalem, UNRWA's West Bank job placement officer, Madiba Nusseibeh, says: "Practically all the graduates find work, but 60 per cent of them, usually those who had followed semi-professional courses, leave for other Arab countries, especially the Gulf states."

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Le Monde questions presidential role

Giscard haunted by links with 'despicable' Bokassa

PARIS, Dec. 30 (AP) — The trial of self-proclaimed Central African Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa has raised fresh questions over France's past support of the deposed dictator who was sentenced to death for crimes including cannibalism, the massacre of schoolchildren and embezzlement of public funds.

A jury in the Central African Republic capital of Bangui deliberated two hours Dec. 24 before sentencing Bokassa to death in absentia.

In a front-page editorial, France's most respected newspaper has sternly criticized President Valery Giscard d'Estaing for trying to erase his ties to "The Butcher of Bangui."

"The trial largely confirmed and illustrated the cruelty of Bokassa," *Le Monde* said in its editorial Friday. "But it could not reveal the reason why so long been benefited from the aid of France. A country of no wealth, Central Africa has little political, economic or strategic interest to France."

The short, stocky dictator, who rose from a poor jungle home to acquire a golden crown with a 13-carat diamond, has lived in exile in the Ivory Coast since a French-backed coup forced him to abandon his specially-built two-ton bronze throne on Sept. 20, 1979.

The Central African Republic has issued an international warrant for his arrest. Political observers say it is highly unlikely the Ivory Coast will send Bokassa, 59, back to the land he ruled for 14 years.

In its editorial, *Le Monde* recalled how Giscard d'Estaing had traveled to the Central African Republic to partake in his passion for big game hunting, of allegations he had accepted gifts of diamonds from Bokassa and of how France financed Bokassa's elaborate \$24 million coronation in 1976.



Emperor Bokassa



Giscard d'Estaing

"How could the president for so long retain close relations with a man he called 'cruel and despicable' after his fall?" *Le Monde* asked. "The president's passion for hunting neither justifies nor explains all."

On the diamond affair, *Le Monde* wrote, "Whether the diamonds are to be kept, sold or returned is of little importance. What is important is that they are a sign of a certain political policy founded on personal relations."

Bokassa's ties to Giscard d'Estaing, whom he often called "dear cousin," were brought up again during the weekend when the ex-emperor's French lawyer revealed he had taken a personal request from Bokassa to the French Foreign Ministry.

The lawyer said Bokassa has asked for France's help in convincing United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to set up an international commission to determine what really happened in Bangui in 1979.

Bokassa's plea to Waldheim was ironic. In 1972, he had called the U.N. leader a

"pimp" and a "colonialist" after Waldheim protested Bokassa's personal participation in the public beating of 40 thieves with clubs and rifle butts.

In his message to the French Foreign Ministry, Bokassa's lawyer said Bokassa wrote, "My 23 years of service under the French flag, the strong ties of friendship to France that I fortified as chief of state of Central Africa and, dare I say it, my very personal ties with president of France, makes me determined to ask France's help in making sure justice prevails."

The French government issued no response to the plea, nor did it offer any comment on Bokassa's five-day trial. Bokassa always has contended he was never involved in the massacre of about 100 schoolchildren in April 1979.

The massacre charges were first given credibility by the London-based human rights group Amnesty International, which said the children had staged demonstrations to protest the cost of an imperial edict

requiring them to wear uniforms. The school uniforms could only be purchased at a shop partly-owned by one of Bokassa's nine wives and cost \$20 each—as much as a teacher's monthly salary in the Central African Republic.

Amnesty International said the children were rounded up after the demonstrations and taken to the Bangui prison, where they were beaten, tortured, suffocated and shot to death. A multi-national African judicial commission later determined Bokassa "almost certainly" participated in the killings.

The cannibalism charges surfaced when troops marched into Bokassa's imperial palace outside Bangui after last year's coup and found dismembered corpses in the freezers. Palace workers said Bokassa and his intimates had eaten human flesh at ritualistic feasts.

Bokassa's ties to France date back to his childhood when he received minimal education at a French missionary school. He once dreamed of studying for the ministry but turned to a career in the French colonial army. He rose to sergeant and was awarded two medals for heroism.

Bokassa was a great admirer of Napoleon and crowned himself emperor wearing a coronation costume fashioned by the same embroidery house that had made Napoleon's coronation robes in 1804.

Bokassa also was a big fan of Gen. Charles De Gaulle. At De Gaulle's funeral in 1970, Bokassa broke into hysterical weeping and threw himself on the grave sobbing: "Papa, papa."

After his fall, Bokassa sought asylum in France. His personal jet, a gift from the French government, landed outside Paris, but he was denied permission to enter. Bokassa then left for the Ivory Coast, where he continues to baffle Giscard d'Estaing.

But it was clear that a nucleus of hardline militants in the movement was determined to reject any compromise. The militants, whose slogans include "make Cucumber Salad out of the State," disputed holiday shopping, closed with riot police outside a high-security prison and followed mayor Sigmund Widmer to public functions, shouting him down whenever he tried to give a speech.

Moscow athletes excluded from annual British awards

LONDON, Dec. 30 (R) — Queen Elizabeth's new year honors, to be published Wednesday, gave no recognition to athletes who won medals at this summer's Moscow Olympics. Most British teams ignored Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's calls to boycott the games because of the Soviet Union's military intervention in Afghanistan.

After previous Olympic games, awards have been made to several Britons who have been outstandingly successful. Most of the awards are made on the recommendation of the government. A government official said no awards had been made to winners of medals in Moscow.

Queen Elizabeth knighted South African-born writer and explorer Laurens Van Der Post, 74, whose books about Africa have won awards throughout the world, and broadcaster Robin Day, who is well known for his probing political interviews.

Ballet dancer and choreographer Anton Dolin, 76, and Michael Levey, director of London's most important museum of painting, the National Gallery, also received knighthoods.

Several other figures from the arts and show business received awards. They included novelist Kingsley Amis and 80-year-old comedian Arthur Askey, both made Commanders of the Order of the British Empire (CBE). Margaret Lockwood, one of Britain's most popular film actresses in the 1940s who starred in *Wicked Lady* and a score of other films, also became a CBE, along with Czechoslovak-born conductor Vilem Tausky.

The only new Companion of Honor, one of the highest awards, is leading British abstract artist Victor Pasmore.

The list includes two new life peers, Sir Michael Stannett, who has just retired as chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation, and financier Sir Henry Benson, adviser to the governor of the Bank of England.

Ross Stainton, chairman of the state-owned British Airways, and Maxwell Joseph, chairman of Grand Metropolitan Limited, the international hotel chain, both received knighthoods. Sporting names in the honors list include Ron Greenwood, manager of the England football team, who is made a CBE and England cricketer Derek Underwood, who is made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).



Kingsley Amis

New York man left trail of cons

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP) — County authorities are attempting to extradite from New York a man wanted for alleged swindling in four countries to face charges here that he bilked a local businessman out of more than \$300,000.

Baghdad-born Yassim Souleman Rabbiah, described by a district attorney's investigator as the "international con man of the year," was being held without bail in New York City on charges of cheating an heiress out of more than \$300,000 in a bogus check scheme. In Los Angeles he faces four counts of grand theft stemming from a 1968 fraud in which Beverly Hills businessman Bennett Silverstein reportedly lost \$309,821.98.

Using the alias Walter S. Arbib, Rabbiah allegedly posed as an importer of Italian products and offered to allow Silverstein, operator of Silner Factors Inc., to take over \$400,000 in outstanding accounts receivable because he needed immediate cash, district attorney's investigator Lt. William Burnen said.

Silverstein reportedly gave Rabbiah the money in four checks, and when he attempted to collect on the accounts, he allegedly discovered that no such accounts existed. Furthermore, Burnen said, Rabbiah had disappeared.

Conservative Zurich braces for renewed youth violence

ZURICH, Dec. 30 (R) — This normally placid center of international business is worried about the prospect of renewed youth unrest in 1982 after severe rioting last week involving a movement opposed to the values of Switzerland's consumer society.

Hopes that the holidays might have brought a reconciliation between the youth movement and the conservative-dominated

city council were dashed by 12 hours of fighting between demonstrators and police. It was the worst violence since last September when city authorities closed a cultural center run by the movement. The authorities reported finding wanted criminals, drugs and weapons inside.

The Socialist Party blamed the new flare-up on what it called the city council's obsti-

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New Zealand forces tie

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (AFP) — New Zealand basking on grimly to force a draw in the third Test against Australia at the Melbourne cricket ground. At stumps the Kiwis had advanced their second innings score to 122, 65 short of their required 193.

The New Zealanders never had a chance of winning after losing four wickets for six runs midway through their innings.

However, that they were able to force a draw gives the Kiwis enormous satisfaction for having been thrashed in less than three days in both the first and second Tests of the series.

Another pleasing aspect for the New Zealanders is that their champion all-rounder Richard Hadlee was named man of the match in this Test, and man of the series against Australia.

The New Zealand task was always difficult, evidenced by the last ball of Lillee's first over, which shot along the pitch and almost bowled John Wright.

That delivery forced the Kiwis into their 1st hour.

Wright, who went on to score 44, took 41 inutes and 37 deliveries before he got off the mark.

The Kiwis went to tea at one for 50 after once Edgar was run out when a superb seam Wood return narrowly beat him.

Howarth began the final session by magnificently off-driving Dennis Lillee to the boundary immediately after resumption.

Germans made Cup favorites

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 30 (R) — The German soccer team arrived in Montevideo last night to compete in the Gold Cup soccer Tournament, commemorating 50 years of World Cup Football.

The West Germans, who have not been beaten since manager Jupp Derwall took charge of the side two years ago, have been made joint favorites with current world champions Argentina.

But their record may count little here since only one of those matches — a 2-1 win over Argentina — was against a South American side.

Like Italy and the Netherlands, the other Europeans in the competition, West Germany interrupted its National Championship

to come to Uruguay and the players have little time to acclimatise while the South Americans have prepared more carefully.

The Germans last trip to South America was in 1978 when they played in Buenos Aires and disappointed with an ageing team and dull tactics.

Of the 1978 squad, Derwall has retained only Karl Heinz Rummenigge, Rainer Bonhoff, Manfred Kaltz, Bernard Dietz, and Hans Muller.

The Germans, sharing Group "B" with Argentina and Brazil, will play their first match on Thursday against Argentina. The Netherlands, Italy and Uruguay play in Group "A".

Hosts Uruguay have cracked 15 goals and conceded none in their last three internationals, but go into the tournament as underdogs.

Substantial victories over Finland, Bolivia and Switzerland has boosted the morale of the young Uruguayan squad, but gives little indication of how they will fare against the five powerful nations assembled here.

Uruguay manager Roque Maspoli has picked a squad which contains no players with overseas clubs. Names like Juan Ramon Carrasco, with Argentine side racing, are missing.

Sudan exits in soccer

KHARTOUM, Dec. 30 (R) — Algeria drew with Sudan 1-1 here on Saturday giving them a 3-1 victory on aggregate in the second African Zone qualifying tournament.

With this draw, Sudan are out of the World Cup Soccer Tournament. Gamoh scored for Algeria in the 66th minute, of the second

period while Abu Obaida got the equalizer.



UPSET WIN: South African Kevin Curren, who knocked eleventh-seeded Victor Pecci out of the Marlboro Australian Open with a stunning victory.

Richards gets

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

MULTAN, Pakistan, Dec. 30 — Vivian Richards was back in form as he scored an unbeaten 71 runs to enable touring West Indies to collect 129 for 3 at tea on the first day of their last test against Pakistan.

One up in the 4-test series the tourist,

Windies going

choosing to bat, were off to a defensive start as seamer Imran Khan dismissed both the openers for only 22 runs. Faouad Bacous was given leg before for only 2 runs while Desmond Haynes was clean bowled by Imran.

Richards, coming one down, was supported by Kallicharan to take the total to 58 when after the lunch break later was given leg before to Imran Khan the only wicket taken at that stage.

Larry Gomes who has steadily scored for visitors throughout the present series was promoted to batting order to join Richards in a 71 run 4th wicket partnership which seem to have turned the innings in favor of Windies. Both batsmen were batting with patience and confidence but experts rule out a huge total on this pitch. Gomes was still batting on 29.

Skipper Miandad switched over to spinners in the afternoon after a long spell by pacers Imran Khan and Sarfraz Nawaz.

Pakistan had included pacers Sarfraz at the last minute while the visitors made no change in their side which played the third drawn test at Karachi.

Rummenigge awarded

PARIS, Dec. 30 (AP) — As predicted, Bayern Munich's right winger Karl-Heinz Rummenigge won the 1980 "Golden Football" award as Europe's best player, the magazine France - Football announced Monday.

Rummenigge, 25, who placed second last year, scored 122 out of 125 possible points awarded by the jury of football journalists from 25 nations, a record in the 24 years since the trophy was created.

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Of reaching Grand Prix Masters

McNamara ends Gottfried's hopes

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Australian Davis Cup player Peter McNamara ended American Brian Gottfried's hopes of making the Grand Prix Masters next month with a straight sets win in the third round of the \$350,000 Marlboro Australian Open at the Kooyong Tennis Stadium today.

Missing the eight-man Volvo Grand Prix Masters, which starts in New York on January 14, has cost Gottfried about \$80,000 including bonus pool payments and prize money.

McNamara, who seems certain to spearhead Australia's Davis Cup quarter finalists, won at 7-5, 6-, 6-4.

Gottfried, who will finish the year in 10th place on the Grand Prix points table, would have needed to win here to make the Masters.

His form in the first two rounds indicated that he had every chance of winning his first Grand Slam tournament, and making the Masters.

Gottfried, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon this year, losing to Borg in four sets, prefers the fast pace of a grass court while McNamara feels more comfortable on a slower surface. This makes his win today even more admirable.

But the American, a finalist in the French Championships in 1977, still has a good reason to perform well in the doubles.

He is currently in third position on the

doubles points table and if he manages to win the Australian doubles title with Sandy Mayer he finishes the year in top place and collects an additional \$50,000 in bonus pool payments.

In another third round encounter left handed American Peter Renner took three hours to inflict a four sets victory over Pat Dupre, who defeated Czech star Ivan Lendl yesterday.

Renner, a quarter-finalist here last year, defeated Dupre 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4 on an outside court and now meets the in-form McNamara in a quarter final on Thursday.

Australia's other Davis Cup player Paul Curren 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

2 British rugby stars suspended

LEDDS, Yorkshire, Dec. 30 (AFP) — Two Great Britain international forwards have been suspended for 23 games by the British Rugby League Federation for off-the-ball incidents.

Brian Hogan of Widnes was banned from playing in 13 matches for attacking Castlefoid player-coach Malcolm Reilly in a Cup match earlier this month.

Rugby League secretary David Oxley said after announcing the sanctions: "It is no secret that, since the start of the season, we have been increasingly concerned about severe off-the-ball incidents."

PAUL ROSE of Hull Kingston Rovers, who was ordered off in a match against Bradford Northern on November 30 for a similar off-the-ball incident, was suspended for ten games.

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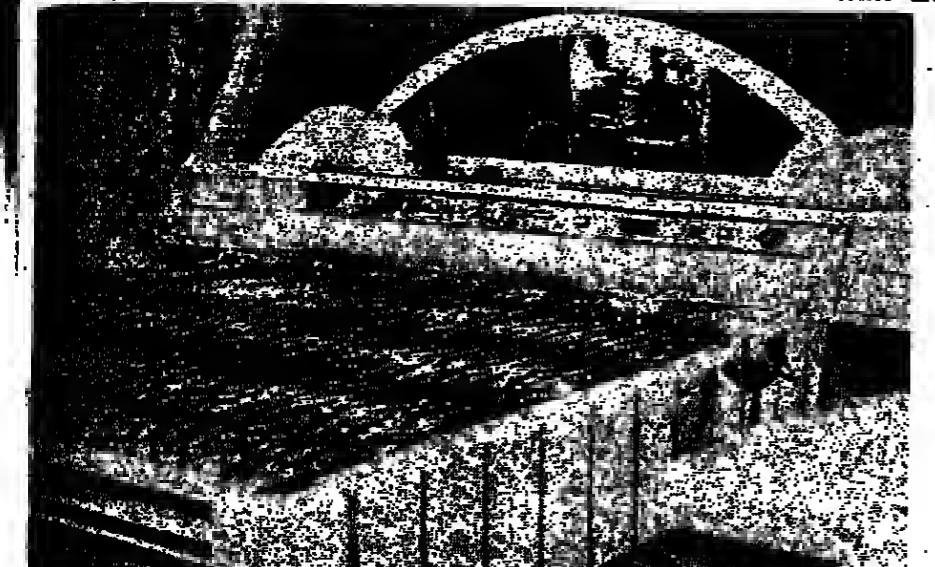
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Hippy image is banished

Middle America takes to water at night

By Pamela Moreland

Tired of hearing their 56-year-old father complaining about backaches over the breakfast table, James Foster's three children finally hustled the Granada Hills, Calif., milking contractor to a waterbed showroom. "I thought it was something that hippies kept on," Foster said. "But after the kids made me lie down on one, I bought the waterbed on the spot."



SPACE AGE: the latest in beds from Aziz for Furniture of Alkhobar

Foster is not alone. While waterbeds made in name as part of the youth revolution of the 1960s, it's the middle-aged Middle-American who is today turning them into a \$100 million business.

Possibly the best indicator of the growing expanse of the waterbed comes from those who merchandise to Middle America —

from royal cares

Princess Grace finds refuge in flowers

By Maureen Early

NEW YORK, (NEWSDAY) — "It's not a day that anyone would really envy. There's a much time left over for privacy. One has fight for that. But one accepts that as part of the job. And it is a job."

Her Serene Highness, Grace of Monaco, is explaining, in one of her rare interviews, "quality of her life as Princess in that fairy-principality on the French Riviera. Even actress Grace Kelly, "my private life was a more personal," she says. "Once I married Prince Rainier Grimaldi 24 years ago — and her passion for flowers."

The interview, in the New York apartment her close friend, designer Vera Maxwell, granted on the agreement that no questions would be asked about gossip surrounding the royal family. The focus was to remain the life of the beautiful American movie who married Prince Rainier Grimaldi 24 years ago — and her passion for flowers. actually, her love of flowers, and her solitary oils in search of ones to press for pictures an absorbing hobby — have given the princess a needed balance to life in a goldfish bowl. "I love walking in the woods, on the hills, along the beaches," she says. "I love being part of nature. I love walking alone. It is easy. One needs to be alone, to recharge e-batteries."

Because Monaco is very small (about 370 res), it's like a great big family, the 51-year-old princess says, in an accent that a British interviewer called American, but Americans would identify as British. "The Queen is definitely the father figure for his

Sears, Roebuck and Co. and J.C. Penny Co. Both of the giant retailers have recently introduced "floatation mattresses" — compartmentalized water-filled mattresses that fit on top of conventional boxsprings and can be covered with standard bedding.

According to the Waterbed Manufacturers Association, one out of every 20 beds now sold in the United States is a waterbed. In California, where 85 per cent of the nation's waterbeds and waterbed accessories are

retailers add, is changing.

Medical journals report that waterbeds have therapeutic value for older persons with back problems or arthritis. Parents of premature infants are buying crib waterbeds for their newborns because the gentle rocking motion is remarkably similar to conditions inside the womb.

Waterbeds never were the creation of the sex-crazed '60s that many believe they were. Their history goes back at least as far as Cleopatra, who lounged on a goat-skin bag filled with water. Leonardo da Vinci praised the merits of the "floating bed" in his writings.

One of the first medical recommendations for the use of waterbeds was made in 1873 when a London medical journal reported that a patient could lie on a water-filled mattress for an extended period "and never have a bedsores."

Still, even their most ardent supporters will admit that their re-emergence as part of the 1960s counterculture created some image problems for waterbeds.

Berkeley was to waterbeds what Detroit was to cars a decade ago. Bearded businessmen sold the beds from incense-laden "head shops" where they were displayed alongside cigarette rolling machines, hash pipes and black-light posters.

There were also technological problems to be worked out before waterbeds could crack Middle America. Mattresses sometimes sprung leaks and the homemade frames often were not strong enough to stabilize the mattress movement. Some waterbed users complained of getting seasick and still others said that the water-filled mattresses were too cold to sleep on the year round.

Landlords often refused to rent to people with waterbeds, believing that the weight of several hundred gallons of standing water on the floor of an upper-level apartment could

constitute a hazard to those in the apartment below.

"What the industry had to do was educate the public," Henry Robinson, president of the Waterbed Manufacturing Association, says. "We had to get rid of the pre-conceived concepts about the product before we could even think about marketing."

The first step the industry took was to take the waterbed out of the head shop and place it in stores that were accessible and inviting to the majority of the public, stores in suburban neighborhoods and shopping malls.

Ironically, the "trend-setting" cities — Los Angeles and New York — are not today's best markets for waterbeds. Because of the size and diversity of the cities, small waterbed retailers often find advertising costs prohibitive. The best areas for waterbed sales are medium-sized, sophisticated urban centers like Phoenix, Boulder, Colo., and several Florida cities.

Waterbed prices are generally comparable to the cost of conventional beds, ranging from \$200 upward.

One feature the industry doesn't hallyhoo much is how waterbeds are supposed to enhance one's sex life. "I'm sure a lot of buyers are thinking sex when they come in to look, but waterbeds are so beneficial in other ways, we don't have to talk about that," one salesman said. "Anyway, you don't talk about that," one salesman said. "Anyway, you don't talk about sex when you're trying to sell waterbeds in Peoria."

As the industry was trying in re-positioning its image, it got a little outside help. Research on the medical benefits of waterbeds began getting nationwide attention. The reports stated that use of waterbeds provided relief for insomnia, arthritis and backaches. Pregnant women found it more comfortable to sleep on waterbeds and burn victims found sleeping on waterbeds reduced pressure and pain.

Improvements in the technology of waterbed construction also helped to boost sales. Mattresses made from a tough, 20-mil polyvinyl chloride are now placed in a polyvinyl chloride safety liner in order to reduce chances of leakage. Frame and pedestal provide needed support and equalized weight distribution on apartment floors. Finally, thermostat-controlled heaters that regulate water temperature put an end to complaints that the mattresses were sometimes too cold to sleep on.

The biggest fight the industry had in gaining acceptance was with landlords. Although there has never been a documented case of a waterbed crashing through an apartment floor and falling through the ceiling of the apartment beneath it, landlords took such stories as gospel and often refused to rent to waterbed owners.

To combat this problem, the waterbed manufacturers began a three-pronged program. First, they set industry-wide safety standards. This information was circulated among apartment owners so they would know about the built-in safety features of waterbeds.

An education program was initiated by the industry in order to answer the most common questions about waterbeds. The manufacturers emphasized that the floor weight of the beds was measured in pounds per square foot and that the typical waterbed weighs less per square foot than a refrigerator. The industry also provided results to landlords of independent tests of waterbed weights and their



COMPUTER: will run full range of library operations

UPM library is first with automated system

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN — Over the next 12 months, the Central Library of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) will undertake the most important conversion ever attempted by a Saudi Arabian library.

In an agreement reached last summer with IBM, the UPM library is to adopt a fully automated system of bibliographic services.

Known as DOBIS/LIBIS, the system, which was developed in the 1970s at the University of Dortmund in Germany and the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, will result in a full range of computerized library operations.

Users sitting at IBM 3278 CRT terminals installed across UPM campus will be able to view catalog listings of the Central Library's books, journals, and films much as they previously might do only by consulting the card catalog at the library itself.

English will be the language of dialogue for UPM's DOBIS/LIBIS system, although the university's extensive Arabic collection will ultimately be accessed by searchers at Arabic-language terminals.

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Check-out procedures, amendments and supplements to catalog entries, handling of invoices and orders of materials will similarly be computerized and placed at the disposal authorized library personnel.

Plans are under way to make the library's entire collection of 152,000 books and 3,675 journal subscriptions compatible with the new system, which is to run in conjunction with the university's IBM 3033 computer.

UPM's first venture into automated library services occurred nearly two years ago, when, under the direction of Dr. Saleh Ashoor, Dean of Library Affairs, on-line searches of U.S. data bases were made by means of the UPM telex facilities. Starting in January the telex link will be replaced by a terminal operating at a significantly higher speed.

Besides the speed and thoroughness of DOBIS/LIBIS, the new system permits a networking technique whereby a searcher at one IBM terminal can access not one but all the collections of participating libraries.

A demonstration of DOBIS/LIBIS is scheduled for the library's Open House, January 18, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

impact on the structural safety of multi-floor apartments.

Finally, they introduced waterbed insurance and made the policies available in the same outlets where the beds are sold. The standard policy will pay up to \$100,000 to cover damages caused by the waterbed. The cost with a \$100 deductible feature, is about \$50 a year.

"All we needed was a chance to prove ourselves to the establishment," association president Robinson says. "This is one industry that succeeded in spite of itself." (LAT)

Silence reigns again in Pompeii streets

By Louis B. Fleming

POMPEII, Italy (LAT) — Silence has fallen on the streets and walls of Pompeii in A.D. 1980 just as it did in A.D. 1979. Red circles, lines and checks on a map read on the director's table mark the ravages of the Nov. 23 earthquake on one of the last precious souvenirs of the Roman empire. This time there was no massive death toll as there was 20 centuries ago, when Vesuvius erupted. This time there was only damage to Pompeii's treasures.

"It is the most serious damage in the three centuries since the rediscovery of the buried city and the commencement of excavations," aid Dr. Stefano de Caro, resident archeologist and administrative director of Pompeii.

The walls and all the arts had lain protected under the ash of the eruption for almost two millennia, guarded from damage and from sight until that moment of discovery so vividly captured by Lord Lytton more than a century ago:

"Nearly 17 centuries had rolled away when the city of Pompeii was disinterred from its silent tomb, all vivid with undimmed hues, its walls fresh as if painted yesterday — not a hue faded, not a color dimmed, not a line lost. In its theaters the counter of admission — in its saloons the furniture and the lamp — in its triclinia the fragments of the last feast — in its cubicula the perfumes and the rouge of faded beauty — and everywhere the bones and skeletons of that minute yet gorgeous machine of luxury and of life."

He brought the city to life in *The Last Days of Pompeii*, and the empty streets today

encourage the imagining of those same scenes. But the illusion is broken by beams across the Via Del Fortuna, propping sagging walls, and by fences across inviting openings where deep fissures threaten to bring walls and columns down within the gardens and courtyards. Even one of Pompeii's erotic secrets, frescoes of couples seeking intimate gratification, is threatened behind its locked doors by the collapse of a tile roof that once protected it.

Setting straight the jolted columns of the forum is the most difficult task of the reconstruction, De Caro said.

"We have to decide whether to use the original way in which the columns were erected or whether to try some new techniques," he explained.

In the golden era of Pompeii, the columns at the forum supported an elegant portico with a second colonnaded gallery above. Some archeologists argue that it was the grandest of all the Roman forums. The breathtaking dimensions, 466 by 124 feet, are now measured by only a few remnants, yet every visitor is still impressed.

The silence is broken not only by crews at work on those columns but by others, nailing barricades, erecting supports, cementing fissures before they widen.

"None of the objects from Pompeii suffered significant damage here," a staff member at the National Museum in Naples said. "Only a candelabra was twisted a little."

Most of the great art of Pompeii, including the rare bronzes and many of the exquisite mosaics, were taken to the museum to keep them out of reach of the thieves who still prey on the excavation here. Other parts of the National Museum collection suffered serious

damage, including breakage of scores of rare Greek and early Italian ceramics.

In Pompeii, director De Caro reviewed his list of the most famous works and evaluated their condition after the quake:

— The House of Mysteries, where murals dramatize Pompeii's defiance of Roman rules against Dionysian initiations: "One small crack."

— The Temple of Jupiter next to the triumphal arches of Caligula and Nero: "No appreciable damage. The walls resisted well."

— The Stabian Baths: "We have several problems, including deep oblique cracks in the external walls where they are joined."

— The House of Vettii, the most elaborately decorated discovery in all of the Pompeii excavations, with frescoes regarded as among the most valued relics of the age: "No direct damage, but the earthquake exacerbated already existing problems of cracked cement. We cannot fail to replace this immediately, a problem of the aging of the building."

Perhaps 50 damage sites are critical, but no major fresco suffered serious damage. And the quake's peripheral damage in the House of Silius has brought a rare opportunity to rescue a fresco that has lost most of that brilliant color of which Lord Lytton wrote.

Neglect has been Pompeii's most serious problem. "Before 1975, we had enough to cut the grass and not much else," De Caro said. "The situation became intolerable." Even now, one-third of the city remains buried as it was in the year 79, and there has been no new dig for a decade. Significantly, however, all of the reconstruction work done when a new program of financing was adopted in 1975 withstood the earthquake with no further damage.

In addition, the reconstruction is complicated because the people of Pompeii had not yet completed repairs from a devastating earthquake 16 years before the city was buried by Vesuvius.

After the November earthquake, Pompeii was reopened to the public for a week. But the gates were closed again Dec. 8. "Now we are making a survey to see what we can do," De Caro said. "We want to develop a safe itinerary for visitors. Our own staff has been supplemented with some additional workers. We hope to open the first area within two months."

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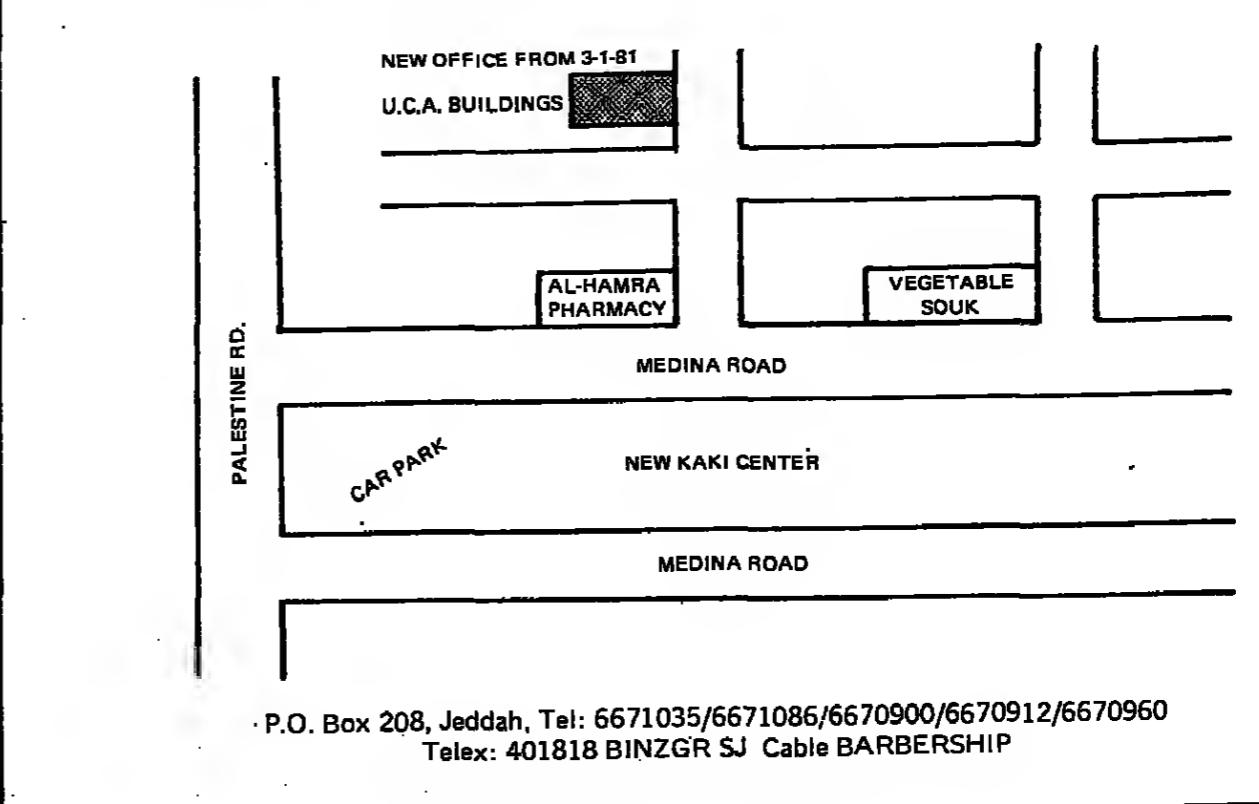
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Indonesia raises crude oil prices

JAKARTA, Dec. 30 (R) — Indonesian crude oil prices will go up by \$3.5 barrel across the board from Jan. 1, but premiums on certain exports are to come down, a spokesman for the state-owned oil company Pertamina said Tuesday. This means that the benchmark medium crude oil goes to an official price of \$35 from \$31.50.

The light crude oil benchmark official price goes to \$36.45 from \$32.92.

The Indonesian move had been expected and is in line with similar increases by other members of the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries (OPEC) following their meeting in Bali, Indonesia, earlier this month at which they agreed to a pricing formula allowing most of the 13 members to raise tariffs by up to \$4 a barrel.

Venezuela has announced a \$3 dollar increase to a \$38.06 marker price and Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter, announced at Bali that it had raised its price from 30 to \$32 a barrel.

Libya is expected to announce this week that it will increase its high quality brega crude by \$4 a barrel to 41 — the maximum price set by the oil ministers at Bali.

Discovery of natural gas disclosed by U.S. company

DENVER, Colorado, Dec. 30 (AP) — Chevron USA Incorporated has found an "important" extension of a natural gas field in southwest Wyoming's portion of the over-thrust belt — one of the most active oil and gas development regions in the lower 48 states, Chevron officials said Monday. An industry expert who asked not to be named said the new discovery was "an excellent one" for the over-thrust belt. He noted that the gas from the well is "sweet gas" — meaning it does not contain sulfur that must be taken out before the gas can be sold.

The over-thrust belt, which has produced

primarily sulfur-bearing "sour gas" in the past, is a mineral-bearing region some geologists believe extends from Alaska to Central America.

The belt is believed to be richest on the Utah-Wyoming border. Chevron made its latest discovery in Uinta county, Wyoming, near that boundary.

Chevron officials said the new find extends the boundaries of the east painter reservoir field farther to the east. For about a year, Chevron has been pursuing a theory that three fields — Painter, Carter Creek and Clear Creek — actually may be on giant field.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The year 1980 has been a good one for owners of bulk carriers and other freighters despite the slowdown in the world economy. They benefited from record freight rates, which were on the whole unsatisfactory for tanker owners, hit by the recession in the world oil industry.

RUESSELSHHEIM, West Germany, (AFPI) — Opel, the West German motor company, has decided to lower the prices of most of its models it announces. From Thursday, the Opel Kadett will cost \$50 less and Ascona, Manta and Rekord will be \$150 cheaper. The rebates will rise to \$806 for the Opel Commodore. Only luxury models, such as the Monza and the Senator, will not benefit from reductions.

NEW YORK, (AFP) — Chemical Bank, the sixth largest bank in the United States, Tuesday followed the example of two other major U.S. banks by lowering its prime rate to 20.5 percent last week the Chase Manhattan Bank, which ranks third among the U.S. banks, lowered its prime rates.

LONDON, (AFP) — Ten-and-a-half hours of negotiations Monday between workers and management of the British Leyland Car Company failed to lead to a solution of the strike at the Longbridge plant in Central England.

ATHENS, (R) — Greek entry to the European Common Market next Thursday will strengthen the country's independence and democratic institutions, Prime Minister George Rallis said Tuesday.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

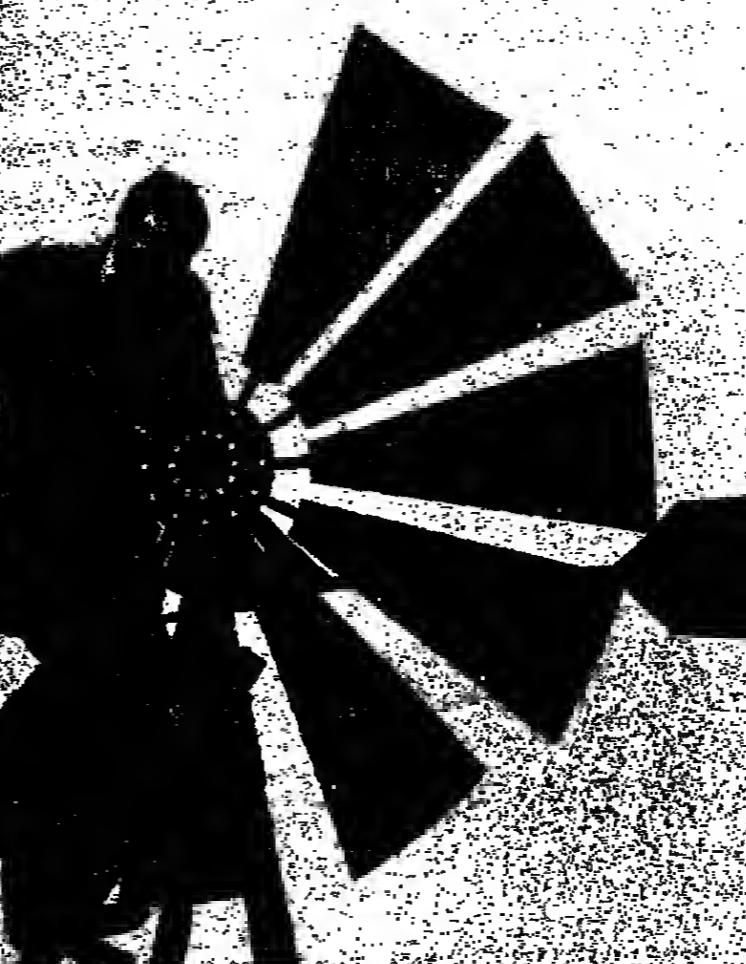
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Department of Education, Nejran	Supply of furniture and school equipment	—	200	Jan. 3
Department of Education, Layth	Construction of building for Habwas Al-Thamama school	7	300	March 7
“ “ “	Construction of building for Habwas Al-Qaraadah school	7	200	March 7
“ “ “	Construction of building for Al-Saqr school	7	200	March 7
“ “ “	Construction of building for Souk Al-Abed school	8	200	March 7
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5	Vortex	Albaebah	Melon Seeds	26-12-80
6	Irene Logic	Alisaada	Bagged Barley	26-12-80
7	Elikon	Alpha	Bagged Barley	27-12-80
8	Eastern Mariner	Fayez	Bagged Barley	28-12-80
9	AI Cazar	AA	Bagged Barley	26-12-80
10	Angelina	A.E.T.	Bulk/Wheat/Bulk Com.	29/12/80
11	Brunalla	El Hawi	General	11-12-80
18	Zeus — 1	Rolaco	Gen/Contra/Drums/	29/12-80
20	Maldivian Novel	Oc. Trade	Nitric Acid	29/12-80
21	Atlantic Current	Algezirah	Bulk Cement	23-12-80
22	Saudi Star	Oc. Trada	Rice/Sorghum/Meize/	25-12-80
24	Watatake Maru	Alireza	Timber	27-12-80
26	Noshiro Maru	Alireza	Bagged Sugar	27-12-80
27	Naava	Fayez	Tiles/Dumpers/General	28-12-80
28	Lady of Lome	S.S.M.S.C.	General/Plants	29/12-80
29	Sun Happiness	O.C.E.	Heavy Vehicles/General	28-12-80
30	Mistral Universal	Star	Loading	29/12-80
31	Juba	Kanoo	Maize/Rice	27-12-80
35	Clifford Maersk	Kanoo	Reefer	27-12-80
38	Notre Dame D'Afrique	S.F.T.C.	Reefer/General	22-12-80
39	Josef Stewig	Alireza	Loading MTY Comtrs.	29/12-80
42	Prometheus	H.S.S.C.	Government Cargo	27-12-80
RoRo	Rawline — 1	Alwani	Plants/Spares	29/12-80
			Bagged Barley	27-12-80
			Bagged Dura/To load	29/12-80

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Annor (2nd call)	AET	Loading Area	28/12/80
Shenandoah	AET	Bulk Cement	29/12/80
Australia Maru	AET	Containers	30/12/80



Destruction less than expected

Iraqi oil reserves promote projects

By Paul Eddle

the war cutting off one important source of supply. Diplomats and business report that Iraq is giving priority in allocating its oil exports to countries which can help the war effort, such as France and Yugoslavia.

In general trade France and Yugoslavia, together with Jordan, are also most favored countries. Jordan is Iraq's staunchest supporter in the war and provides a vital route for supplies since the main Iraqi ports on the Gulf are closed. France relied on Iraq for about 25 per cent of its oil needs before the war and was already a major trading partner.

Diplomats also argue that huge oil reserves give Iraq a powerful lever to persuade governments and companies to go ahead with development projects despite the fighting and to sell military and other supplies vital to the war effort. Iraq has financial reserves estimated at \$35 billion, but military experts say the three months of fighting so far will already have cost several billions of dollars.

This is one reason Iraq took the risk of resuming oil exports late in November despite the danger of Iranian air attacks on pipe lines and pumping stations.

Sabah Kachachi, industrial planning adviser at the ministry of planning, told Reuters: "The export of oil will be large enough to bring enough revenue to finance required development projects and perhaps the war effort without too much reliance on available reserves."

Domestic fuel

Diplomats said another reason for resuming exports was that Iraq needed gas produced with the oil for domestic fuel, especially since half its refinery capacity is out of action and there are shortages of some refined products. Iraq needs some military supplies and other equipment such as road-building machinery to support its advance into the Iranian oil province of Khuzestan.

But the Soviet Union, which sold Iraq much of its weaponry, has stayed neutral in

that this would rise to two million BPD within three months. Before the war Iraq was producing 3.6 million BPD and exporting about 3 million.

the rated capacity of the pipeline to Iskanderun on Turkey's Mediterranean coast is about 700,000 BPD and the line to Baniyas about 900,000 BPD. But Kachachi said the Turkish pipeline would take up to one million BPD.

Good maintenance

"You can exceed rated capacity with good maintenance," he said. In the longer term, when the war is over Iraq will almost certainly regain its position as the second biggest exporter in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) because it is committed to a huge program of economic development for which it needs oil revenues.

As part of its long-term plan Kachachi said Iraq would continue to increase its crude oil production capacity. "We will provide expanded capacity but produce according to the market and the revenue we need," he said.

Industry sources said Iraq has already boosted production from two million BPD in the last two years and is expected to increase capacity to a maximum of about five million BPD in the mid 1980s. The oil money will finance massive development schemes in agriculture, education, industry, communications and public services.

The Baghdad government is well aware of the danger of too rapid economic development based on oil income. "Without social development, economic development will create situations whereby society might explode from within," Kachachi said. "The Shah's mistake was not economic development, but he fell short on the social development aspect and it exploded in his face."

Foreigners encouraged to invest in Peru

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 30 (R) — A controversial new petroleum law aimed at attracting foreign investment and maintaining Peru's position as a net oil exporter came into force Tuesday. The law allows foreign oil firms to invest in schemes to recover more oil from existing wells in association with the state company Petroperu and offers them tax concessions if they reinvest in oil production.

It was passed by congress two weeks ago but its promulgation by President Fernando Belaunde Terry was delayed because of controversy over its provisions. Energy minister Pedro Pablo Kuczynski said the law was essential to save Peru from having to import oil within three years, but critics led by former Finance Minister Javier Silva Ruea accused the government of surrendering the country's oil wealth to the multinational oil companies.

Silva Ruea said the law would cost Peru \$1 billion over the next 25 years. Peru produces about 200,000 Barrels Per Day (BPD) of which about 80,000 are sold on the spot market.

Promulgation of the law coincided with an announcement by Petroperu that a major new well had been sunk in the northeastern jungle, which is expected to produce almost 5,000 BPD initially, rising to a possible 10,000 BPD. The field's recoverable reserves are estimated at 20 million barrels.

Peru became self-sufficient in oil three years ago but domestic consumption is rising by between eight and 10 per cent a year. According to Kuczynski only one new well has been drilled this year and existing wells are not being fully exploited because Petroperu does not have the necessary finance.

The only three foreign companies which operate in Peru at present are Occidental and Belico of the United States and the Argentine company Bridas. Under agreements signed earlier this year they hand over 50 per cent of production to Petroperu and pay taxes on the remainder. This leaves them with nine out of every 100 barrels they extract, a percentage which Kuczynski says has discouraged investment by other foreign firms.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday			
SAMA	Cash	Transfer	8.88
Bahraini Dinar	(1.00)	105.00	—
Belgian Franc	(1.00)	2.80	—
Deutsche Mark	(100)	170.00	171.50
Dutch Guilder	(100)	156.00	156.90
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.85
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.30	73.90
Greek Drachma (1.00)	—	72.65	74.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Irani Dinar (100)	—	8.25	—
Japanese Yen (10,000)	36.00	36.50	36.20
Jordanian Dinar	16.10	—	16.35
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	10.86	10.83
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.00	91.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	82.00	80.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.80
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.88	7.95	7.92
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.80	91.70
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.56
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	42.20	42.20
Swiss Franc (100)	188.00	191.00	

ITS : scenes of jubilation as King Khalid, Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah and other members of the royal family tour various parts
the Kingdom and meet the people



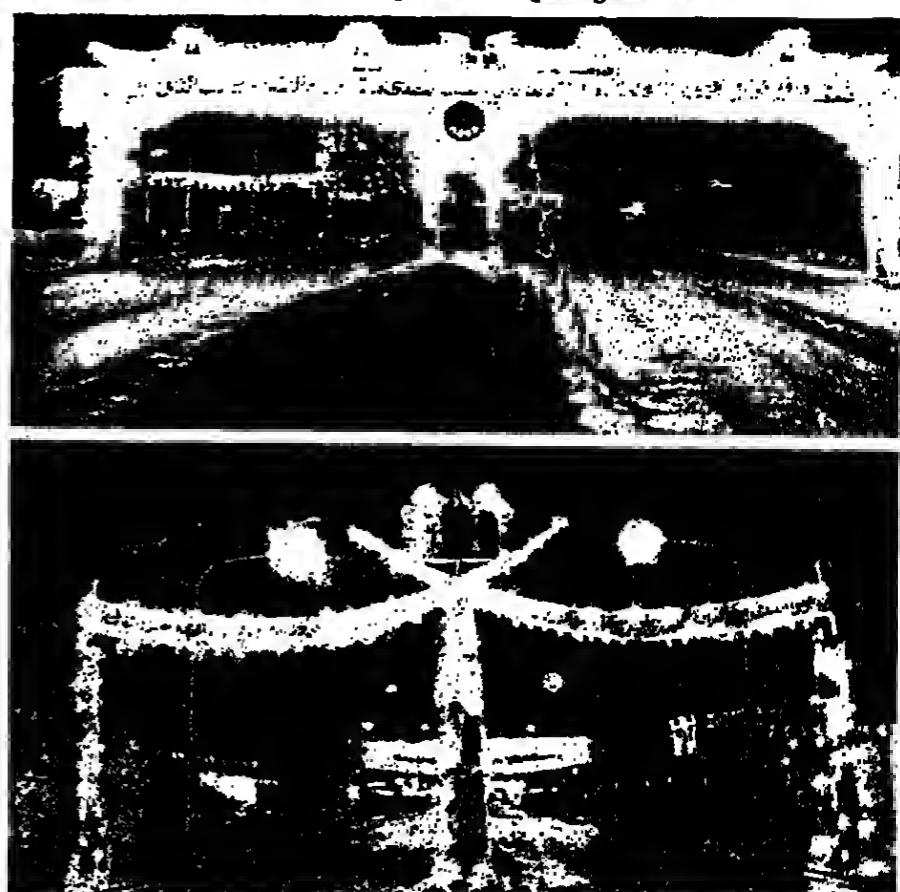
PRINCE FARID : talking to an elderly citizen at Al-Rass



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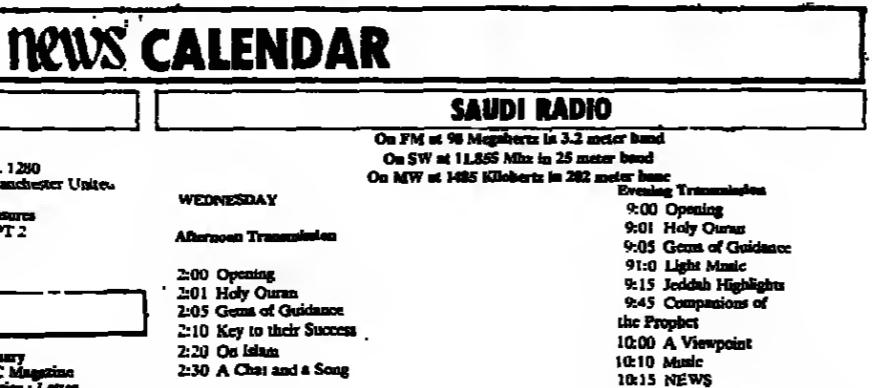
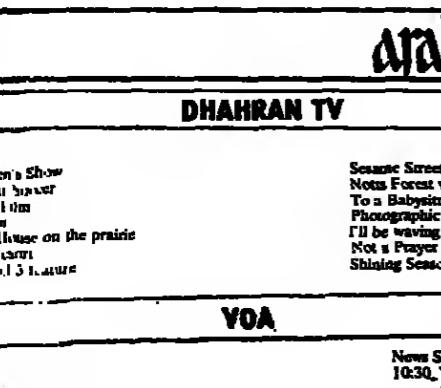
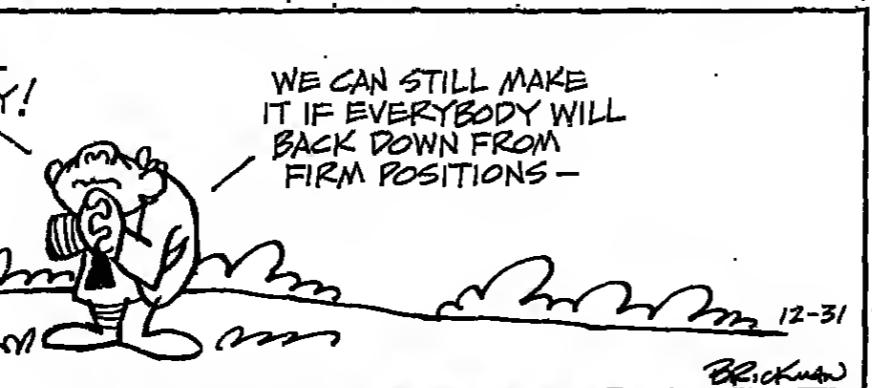
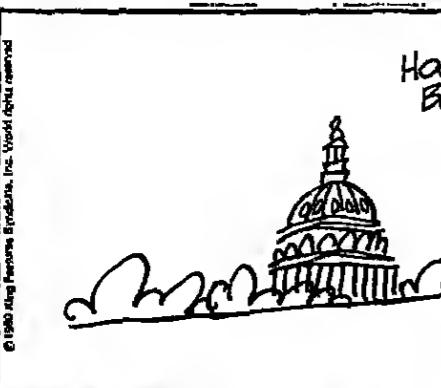
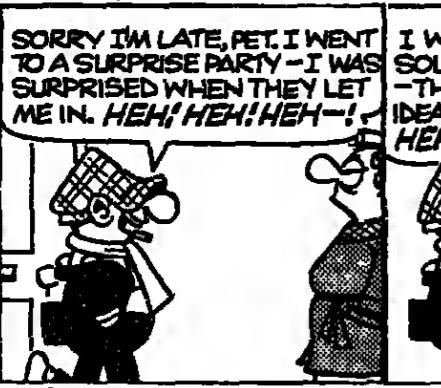
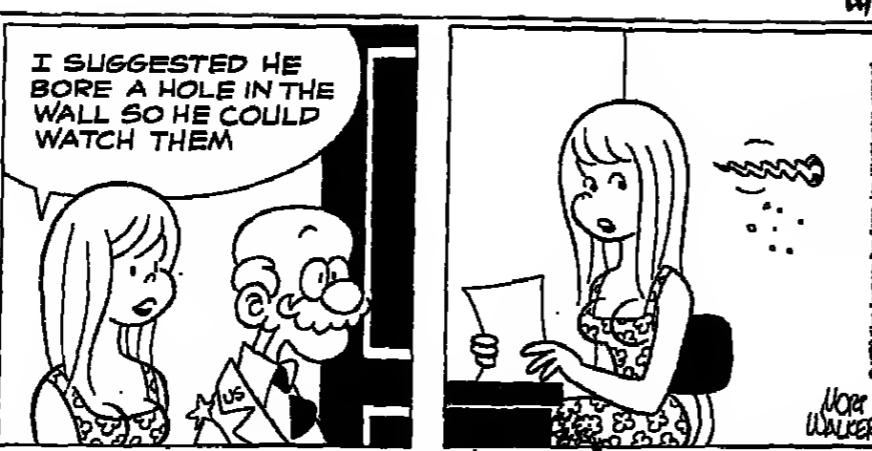
PRINCE SALMAN : the Riyadh governor gives an audience



AL-ASYAH : Prince Salman receives people



ROYAL FAMILY : Prince Badr, (center) greeting citizens in Qasim



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6:45 Camera
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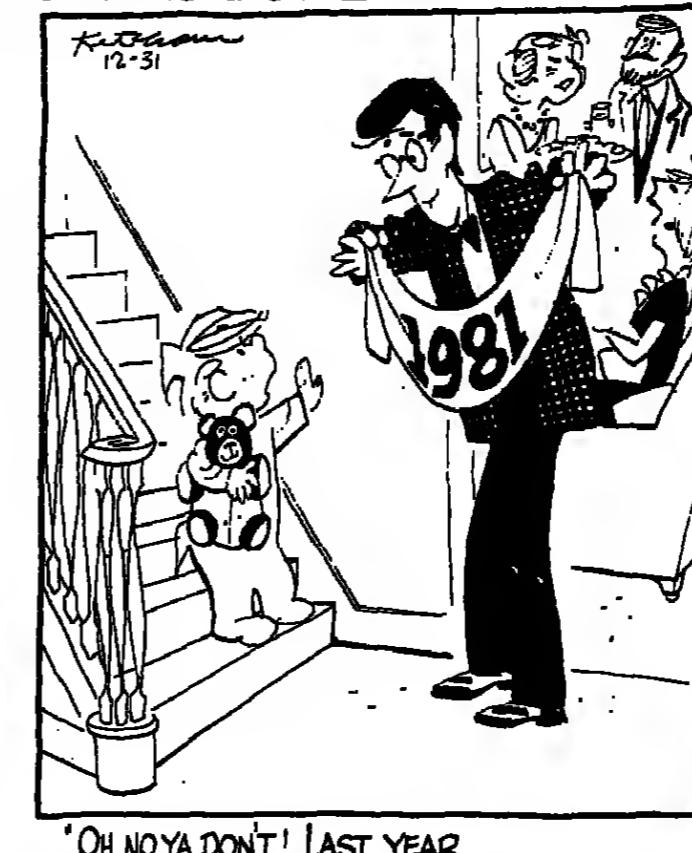
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DENNIS the MENACE



'OH, NO YA DON'T! LAST YEAR EVERBODY LAUGHED AT ME!'

Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

The Bidding Tells the Tale

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 94
♥ K J 3
♦ A K 10 8 3
♦ 10 7 2

WEST **EAST**
♦ 10 8 7 5 2 ♦ K J 6 3
♦ 8 ♦ A 10 9 7 4
♦ 7 5 4 ♦ Q 6 2
♦ Q 8 6 4 ♦ 5

SOUTH
♦ A Q
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ J 9
♦ A K 9 3

The bidding:

East: South West: North
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠
Dble Redble 1 ♠ 2 0
2 ♠ 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of spades.

The bidding by the opponents often helps declarer to choose the best method of play. When the opponents have been silent throughout the bidding, declarer will sometimes find it difficult to guess how the adverse cards are divided, since he has little to go on aside from the plays the defenders make.

Once declarer makes this assumption, he is on Easy Street. At trick two he plays the jack of diamonds to the ace and returns a low heart from dummy.

What can East do against this cunning play? If he ruffles up with the ace, South has nine tricks without a finesse. Alternatively, if East follows low on the heart lead from dummy, South wins with the queen and establishes his clubs to assure nine tricks. The bidding tells the tale!

But with East entering the bidding as shown, South should have no trouble bringing home the contract. Missing only 12 high-card points, declarer can readily conclude that East must have the ace of hearts for his takeout double of one diamond.

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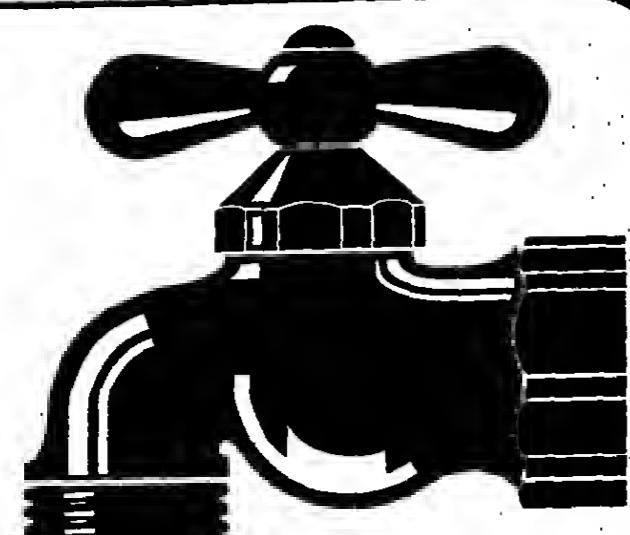
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\$24 billion demand negotiable, Iran says

TEHRAN, Dec. 30 (AP) — The head of Iran's hostage negotiation team said Tuesday his government would listen to any United States counterproposal that was acceptable to the Algerian government concerning Iran's demand for \$24 billion.

He also accused President-elect Ronald Reagan of bluffing and acting like Hollywood cowboy, and threatened that the hostages would be tried if Iran's demands were not met.

Behzad Nabavi, the head of the negotiation team, told a news conference in Tehran that if the U.S. government comes up with another from of guarantee that met Iran's four conditions for release of the 52 Americans seized 423 days ago "it would be acceptable in our view."

"As I said before, as far as we have concluded there is no other way for guaranteeing the undertaking of Americans," he told reporters. "I said we are ready to listen to everything but it's natural the U.S. is looking for excuses and has nothing to say."

Nabavi confirmed Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai's proposal over the weekend offering to drop the demand for the financial guarantees in favor of immediate cash payments followed by arbitration on unresolved

Rajai rejects Soviet note

TEHRAN, Dec. 30 (R) — Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Monday night brushed aside a Soviet protest over an attack on the Soviet Embassy here by Afghan demonstrators, Tehran radio reported Tuesday.

Soviet Ambassador Vladimiro Vinogradov delivered a protest note Monday night to Rajai, but the prime minister rejected the Soviet charges that Iranian authorities knew of the attack in advance, the radio said.

Demonstrators protesting on the first anniversary of Moscow intervention in Afghanistan broke into the embassy compound Saturday, smashed windows and burned the Soviet flag before they were ejected by Iranian authorities.

Court prevents Jiang witnesses from being called

PEKING, Dec. 30 (AP) — Mao Tse-Tung's widow asked for various witnesses to appear at her trial on persecution charges, but the court ruled they had no relation to the case, Communist China's official Xinhua news agency reported Tuesday.

Xinhua did not identify the witnesses nor specify evidence which it said Mao's widow, Jiang Qing, also wanted presented. The special court cut short her final arguments Monday and ordered her thrown out of court after she shouted, "I am prepared to die" and "It is right to rebel," and kept attacking the court, Chinese sources reported.

There still was no word on when sentence would be passed on Jiang Qing and nine other leaders of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, a decade of purges, factional fighting and radical leftist policies. All face a possible death sentence, and in Jiang Qing's case the prosecution urged death. But it appeared that many Chinese were not aware of that. In film seen on television and in official accounts, the prosecution urged "severe punishment" according to article 103 of the criminal code.

Article 103 provides for the death penalty in case of severe harm for an offense, but many Chinese don't know that. Seen on television, Jiang Qing gave one hint of what kind of evidence she wanted presented.

She disputed the prosecutor's argument that she claimed to represent Mao, the party chairman who died in 1976 and still is respected as the nation's founder, even though his ideology-first policies have been discarded.

It was not only Mao, she said, but the whole central committee headed by Mao. She said she had letters in her safe referring to central committee decisions that she wanted to show.

The prosecution listed some of the persecution charges against her and challenged her to state that Mao had told her to torment people ranging from President Liu Shaoqi down to a sanitation worker who had been named a national model worker. She is accused of having had both persecuted to death.

She argued that she never had heard of some of the crimes attributed to her, and that she didn't recognize the model worker.

Xinhua said she also accused the court of "nitpicking" and "using that small matter and that small matter to defame me," pictured herself as a defender of the Cultural Revolution, and complained that some exonerations in the past four years, since her arrest, amounted to reversing rightful verdicts.

In the strongest public statement yet on Mao, the prosecution said she was responsible for the plight of the Chinese people in the Cultural Revolution, but that his great contributions to China still outweigh his mistakes.

issues while Iran continued to hold the hostages.

Asked about Reagan's description of the hostage taking as a form of kidnapping committed by barbarians, he replied: "I personally consider these threats as bluffs especially on the part of the new U.S. administration which wants to gain prestige by frightening revolutionaries of the world."

"We consider the statements of Mr. Reagan as those of one who still thinks he is playing in a Western film. We don't take his statements very seriously."

Nabavi also warned that if the U.S. government tried to dodge or delay its response to the Iranian demands, the government would proceed with the conditions set out by Majlis. "If the decision of the Majlis is not completely met, they (the hostages) will be freed," he said.

He claimed the U.S. and Iran were in agreement over the immediate return of about \$13 billion in Iranian wealth, and said Iran would be willing to await the outcome of arbitration proceedings concerning the other \$11 billion demanded from the U.S. prior to release of the hostages.

"We cannot be content with some papers signed by Carter or Reagan," he said. "If the U.S. can propose another way which contains a kind of guarantee acceptable to the Algerian Government it would be acceptable in our view."

Iran wants the U.S. government to deposit the money with the Algerian Central Bank to cover claims on the wealth of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Iranian assets frozen in U.S. banks. It also wants the U.S. government to stop all lawsuits against Iran.

Jean's parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said Monday the U.S. should be given time to work out any legal problems it might encounter.

U.S. officials in Washington insisted Monday that the United States would not accede to Iran's demand for \$24 billion in guarantees.

An official, who asked not to be identified, said the Tehran regime could get several billion dollars in assets immediately if the hostages were released.

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